

REMARKS

In the Decision on Appeal decided on August 28, 2008, the Board upheld the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0091101 to Epling et al. ("Epling"). Applicant submits the foregoing amendments and following remarks in response to the Board's comments set forth in the Decision.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, overcome the Examiner's rejections and take into consideration the comments of the Board, and respectfully requests that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 be reconsidered and withdrawn and an early Notice of Allowance be issued.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the RCE filing fee and any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

Respectfully submitted

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